



The Reston Reliance



Reston District Station

"Providing Our Community a Solid Foundation Through Excellence"

June/July 2008

Trail Safety Efforts Stepped Up

Officers from the Reston District conducted an enhanced pedestrian education and enforcement campaign that began on Saturday, May 10, in order to prevent injuries and deaths due to pedestrian and cyclist crashes. While the enforcement and education effort took place across the Reston area, pedestrians and cyclists on the Washington and Old Dominion (W&OD) Trail were specifically targeted.

Since January 2005, there have been 55 bicycle and pedestrian vehicle crashes in the Reston District, with the highest number occurring at the intersection of Sunset Hills Road and Wiehle Avenue. There have been eight crashes there, which is the highest for any single location in the county. In 2007, there were 14 pedestrians and two bicyclists killed in collisions with vehicles. This enforcement and education effort ran through May 23.

Efforts included increased patrols using the station's Kubota all terrain vehicle. Members of the bike enforcement team distributed literature that explains the laws governing the interaction between vehicles, bicyclists and pedestrians. Large, electronic signboards were posted along the roadways reminding motorists to share the road safely with bicyclists and pedestrians.

Pedestrian safety is a high priority of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. For information about the Fairfax County Pedestrian Program, go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/pedestrian.htm>. When using trails, Fairfax Police urge the public to use caution.

Pedestrians should:

- Cross the street at marked crosswalks and intersections.
- Before crossing, look left, right then left again.
- Use pedestrian pushbuttons.
- Begin crossing the street on "Walk" signal.
- Stay visible after dark and in bad weather.



Bicyclists should:



- Obey all regulatory signs and traffic lights.
- Never ride against traffic.
- Use hand signals to tell motorists what you intend to do.
- Ride in a straight line to the right of traffic and about a car door width away from parked cars.
- Always wear a helmet.
- Use lights at night and when visibility is poor.

Drivers should:

- Stop for pedestrians.
- Slow down and obey the posted speed limit.
- Look before opening your door.
- Be careful when passing stopped vehicles.
- Allow 3 feet when passing bicyclists.



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Under Investigation

Indecent Exposure in Reston Area

A man exposed himself to a 37-year-old Reston woman on Sunday, May 25. The victim was walking on Olde Crafts Drive near South Lakes Drive around 5:30 a.m. A man rode up on his bicycle and offered to carry her bag. She declined and continued walking to a bus stop. The man followed and parked across the street. He exposed himself and began masturbating. The victim called police and he fled.

The suspect was described as Hispanic, between 20 to 25 years old. He was approximately 5 feet 3 inches tall and 130 to 150 pounds. He wore a blue and white, striped shirt and faded blue jeans.

Police Investigate Robbery in Reston

A Maryland man was robbed at gunpoint in the 11700 block of Stratford House Place on Friday, May 23. The 47-year-old victim exited his vehicle and was walking across the parking lot with a friend around 9:45 p.m. when the suspect pointed a gun at him. The suspect ordered the victim to relinquish his wallet. The victim handed the suspect an undisclosed amount of money. The suspect then walked away. There were no injuries.

The suspect was described as white, approximately 16 to 18 years old. He was about 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighed 170 pounds. He was wearing baggy jeans, a dark, multicolored, hooded jacket and a dark baseball cap.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text "TIP187" plus your message to CRIMES/274637 or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

Robbery on South Lakes Drive

A 32-year-old Reston woman reported being robbed while walking on South Lakes Drive. The victim was on the sidewalk near Soapstone Drive on Thursday, May 29, at 3:45 a.m. when the suspect appeared. The victim was pushed to the ground and the suspect demanded money, while implying he had a gun. He took property and cash.

The suspect fled, and the victim was not injured.

The suspect was described as black, in his 20s. He was approximately 6 feet tall and 175 pounds. He was wearing a black, long sleeve sweater and dark jeans.

Police Investigate Two Robberies Minutes Apart

Fairfax County Police are investigating two armed robberies in the Reston area which occurred within minutes of each other on Friday, May 23, around 12:30 a.m. The first occurred in the 2500 block of John Eppes Road and the second occurred in the 2500 block of William Short Circle.

A 25-year-old Herndon-area man parked his car and began walking to his apartment on John Eppes Road. A man walked toward him, pointed a gun at him, and demanded money. The victim relinquished an undisclosed amount of money and the suspect fled.

Moments later, a 27-year-old Herndon-area woman was sitting inside her car with a 25-year-old man, also from the Herndon area. They were parked on William Short Circle when a man approached and tapped on the window. The occupants did not acknowledge the man so he opened the door and pointed a gun at them. The suspect ordered them to hand over their money. The victims did not comply and the suspect fled. There were no injuries in either of the robberies.

The suspect was described similarly in both incidents. He was white or Hispanic, about 25 years old. He was about 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighed 130 to 150 pounds. He wore a red, hooded sweat shirt, dark baseball cap and a black mask in the second robbery.

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See page 4 for a police sketch on a Wanted poster for the May 23rd robberies described on this page.

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1. Contact the Crime Prevention Office at (703) 478-0799.
2. Join the mailing list by contacting MPO Chip Cogan at Harry.Cogan@Fairfaxcounty.gov.
3. Sign up at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/newsletter to receive notifications to download current newsletters.

Closed by Arrest



Teen Charged in Reston-Area Burglaries

Police have charged a teenage boy with two recent burglaries. On Friday, June 27, officers from the Reston Station's Selective Enforcement Team were proactively patrolling the area of two recent burglaries. Around 9:40 p.m. they observed a male peeping into the windows of a ground floor apartment in the 12000 block of Greywing Square. The suspect was taken into custody without incident.

Further investigation determined the 17-year-old Reston boy was allegedly responsible for the two recent burglaries. Those burglaries occurred on May 31 in the 2000 block of Royal Fern Court and on June 21 in the 12000 block of Greywing Square. He was transported to the Fairfax County Juvenile Detention Center and held on two counts of burglary. Further charges are pending.

Two Arrested for Theft from Fairfax County Bus System

Police have charged two employees of private contractors with taking money from Fairfax Connector bus fare boxes.

Thong Khoun Sisaath, 39, of 134 Environs Road in Sterling was arrested on Wednesday, July 2, 2008. She was charged with grand larceny and possession of burglarious tools. On Thursday, July 3, 2008, Carl Alexander Rich, 54, of 3104 Northwood Road in Fairfax was arrested. He was charged with embezzlement, possession of burglarious tools and grand larceny.

Rich is an employee of Veolia Transportation, which provides bus services for Fairfax County. Sisaath is employed by Aramark, which is sub-contracted by Veolia to provide maintenance and upkeep on Connector buses.

Investigators believe the thefts have occurred since October, 2007, during overnight hours when buses are serviced at a facility at 268 Spring Street in Herndon. The investigation continues and further charges are possible.

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Crime Trends

5/31 – 2 Burglaries – 11900 block of Moss Point Ln – open garage doors were the point of entry, property stolen

5/31 – Burglary – Sunset Hills Dry Cleaners 11519 Sunset Hills Rd – channel lock used to twist off lock to door. Cash was taken

5/31 – Burglary – 1600 block of North Village Rd – open garage door and the door from the garage to the house was left unlocked – DVD player, laptop were stolen

5/31 – Burglary – Reston Kabob 11844-A Sunrise Valley Dr – channel lock used, pry marks on the safe

6/2 – Graffiti – 2200 & 2300 block of Corporate Park Dr-“MECK”

6/5 – Larceny – 2800 block of Fall Oaks Pl- vehicle unlocked, GPS unit stolen

6/6 – Graffiti – 12200 block of Turkey Wing Ct-“18st” & “MS13”

6/8 – Larceny – 1300 block of Shallow Ford Rd- vehicle window smashed out and GPS unit stolen

6/21 – Burglary and Sexual Assault – 1200 block of Greywing Sq - suspect climbed to second story balcony and entered through an unlocked sliding glass door. Suspect was later arrested.

Crime Prevention Tips

- Keep doors and windows locked at all times, even when you are home.
- Always close your garage door.
- Keep the exterior of your home well lit with motion censored lighting.
- Lock your vehicle everywhere you go, even in your driveway or garage.
- Do not leave valuables in your vehicle.
- Remove the cradle of your portable GPS unit and clean the suction cup mark off of the windshield.
- Call the police immediately to report any and all suspicious activity at the non-emergency number, (703) 691-2131.



County of
Fairfax, Virginia

Detective Eric Deane
Criminal Investigations Bureau
Robbery Squad
W-(703) 246-7868, C-(571) 238-3650, P-(703) 214-2960



WANTED

For Robbery/Use of Firearm



Armed with a silver revolver

White male (possible Hispanic mix), 20-26 years of age, 5'11" tall, skinny build, pointy nose, possible bruise or discoloration on one cheek/jaw area

Clothing: bright-red, hooded pullover sweatshirt with possible black or blue brand name lettering across the chest and a pouch-style pocket on the front of the sweatshirt, dark baseball cap, thick, light-colored sweatpants

Three robberies occurred in the Reston District on Friday, May 23rd. The sketch above is a rendition of the suspect in these cases. Two cases were reported in the McNair Farms area in the early morning hours and the other happened on Stratford House Place, East of the Reston Town Center at 2145 that evening. The suspect displayed a silver revolver in each of these cases. It is believed that the suspect was chased by patrol officers at the Clocktower Shopping Center prior to midnight on May 22nd.

If you have any information about the person in the above image, please contact Detective Eric Deane at the numbers listed above or the Robbery Squad at (703) 246-7830.

Safe June Campaign

The Fairfax County Police Department, in the interest of promoting safe and sober driving, launched "Operation Safe June." The purpose of the campaign, which ran from June 1 through July 7, is to continually educate the public about the dangers of irresponsible drinking and driving.

Operation Safe June consists of officers from all eight district police stations forming a roving patrol with the primary purpose of identifying and arresting drunk drivers. These officers worked both weekdays and weekends throughout the evening hours. DWI checkpoints were also conducted as part of the strategic plan to combat impaired driving.

There were 17,875 reportable crashes in Fairfax County in 2007, of which 960 were alcohol-related. Fifteen of the 960 alcohol-related crashes were fatalities, resulting in 18 deaths. The results of another successful enforcement campaign conducted by all eight district police stations, resulted in 449 DWI arrests.

The Fairfax County Police Department is serious about enforcing Virginia's DWI related laws, and our officers know exactly what to look for. When we find you driving while impaired we will arrest you. No warnings, no second chance. Your life, your future and the lives of others depend on your decision not to drive under the influence."



FAIRFAX COUNTY CRIME SOLVERS

Cash Rewards for information leading to the arrest of criminals.
You need not give your name.

1 (866) 411-TIPS (8477)

CALLERS MAY REMAIN ANONYMOUS

Fairfax County Crime Solvers 4100 Chain Bridge Road
Fairfax, Virginia 22030

EMAIL: CRIMESOLVERS@FAIRFAXCOUNTY.GOV

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Crime Prevention Program Recognized

The Criminal Justice Services Board of the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services has, once again, approved and recognized Fairfax County as a Certified Crime Prevention Community. The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors acknowledged the achievement with presentations made to Police Chief Colonel David M. Rohrer and Master Police Officer Patrick Lucas, a Crime Prevention Officer assigned to the McLean Police District.

The Certified Crime Prevention Community program was created in 1998 by a directive from the Governor's Commission for Community Safety. It was designed to promote community safety and to recognize policies and practices used by safe, low-crime communities. Fairfax County, along with 14 other jurisdictions in Virginia, is known for sending a strong message to the public that crime will not be tolerated in the county and that governing officials will take all reasonable efforts to eliminate it.

Specific exemplary Fairfax County Police Department programs highlighted by the Criminal Justice Services Board include:

Road DAWG (Don't Associate with Gangs) Summer Camp - this program is designed to help young people enhance their healthy decision-making skills, enabling them to resist the draw of gangs and drugs.

ChildSafeNet's P'CASO (Protecting Children Against Sex Offenders) Program - Fairfax County Police Department was the first law enforcement partner in their mission of protecting children from dangerous sexual predators, both on the Internet and in the community.

Localities that are certified to be Crime Prevention Communities must go through the certification process every three years.

Around the County

Police Link 21 Burglaries in Five Districts

Fairfax County Police are investigating 21 burglaries over a six month period. The burglaries occurred throughout five police districts, to include West Springfield, Sully, Fair Oaks, Reston, and Franconia. Most of the cases involved businesses located in shopping centers, strip malls, or business parks. Police suspect the same man is responsible for the burglaries. The suspect in each case broke into commercial businesses and targeted cash registers and safes inside.

The suspect was described as white, about 5 feet 7 inches to 5 feet 10 inches tall. He weighed approximately 140 to 160 pounds and wore black shoes, a dark blue hoodie, a black ski mask, and gloves. He was captured on several surveillance cameras.

Animal Services Division Cautions Drivers: Don't Leave Pets in Cars This Summer

When the outside air temperature on Saturday, June 7 was 95 degrees Fahrenheit, Animal Control Officers rescued three dogs that had been left in cars in the extreme heat. Fortunately, all of the animals survived.

A temperature test performed on that day by the county's Animal Services Division (ASD) revealed frightening results that could cause heat stroke and even death among pets left in cars exposed to the heat. After just 30 seconds on the 95 degree day, the temperature in a passenger car in a parking lot rose to 107.8 degrees Fahrenheit. After 10 minutes, the temperature had approached 117.5 degrees.

"Pets in a car have no way to escape the heat," says Michael Lucas, ASD Acting Commander. "Even with the window cracked open, temperatures can soar, leaving pets vulnerable and in a life-threatening situation."

The Fairfax County Animal Services Division asks residents to leave pets at home during hot summer months.



People who leave a pet in a car on a hot day could be charged with a class 1 misdemeanor for animal cruelty under the Code of Virginia §3.1-796.122.

Traffic Stop Nets Drug Arrests

A "Click It or Ticket" traffic stop led to the arrests of two men after an alert officer detected drugs. Around 4:35 p.m. on Monday, May 26, a patrol officer stopped a vehicle at Fair Lakes Parkway and Oak Creek Lane in the Fair Lakes area. While talking to the sole occupant, Alex Reznik, the officer noticed a strong odor, believed to be marijuana, emanating from his car. Further investigation led the officer to Reznik's residence.

Officers spoke with Reznik's roommates and further investigation led to the arrests of Reznik and one roommate, Adam Graham. Both men were transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. Alex Reznick, 23, of Fairfax, was charged with possession of marijuana, operating a vehicle with expired tags and failing to wear a seatbelt. Adam Graham, 20, of Fairfax, was charged with possession with the intent to distribute marijuana, possession of hashish, possession of a fictitious driver's license and three counts of possession of a schedule II controlled substance.

Police Investigate Suspicious Death in Vienna Area

Shortly after 6:30 a.m. on Friday, July 4, a citizen found the body of an adult female on the sidewalk in the 2300 block of Malraux Drive. Patrol officers, Criminal Investigation Bureau detectives, and Crime Scene technicians responded for the investigation. Detectives identified the victim in this homicide as Homaira Rahman, 25, of the 8700 block of Litwalton Court, in Vienna.

There was apparent trauma to the upper body of the deceased. An autopsy will be performed to determine the cause of death. The suspect was identified as Ehsan Amin, 30, of the 16000 block of Kings Mountain Drive, in Woodbridge. Amin was arrested and transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and was charged with abduction and murder. Police have reason to believe that the victim and suspect were known to each other prior to this incident.

The location where the body was discovered is within sight of the W&OD Trail.

Police Urge Motorists to Buckle Up

Along with law enforcement agencies across the nation, Fairfax County Police officers stepped up seat belt enforcement and education efforts during the Click It or Ticket mobilization that began on May 12, 2008, and ended on June 1, 2008. Motorists should have seen officers conducting seatbelt surveys at many intersections across the county through June 1.

“Click It or Ticket” is a high-visibility enforcement program designed to raise safety belt usage and save Virginians from roadway deaths and injuries. There were 52 people killed in 47 crashes in 2007 on Fairfax County roadways. Of those victims, 16 were either pedestrians or bicyclists. Of the other fatal crashes, just 48% were wearing restraints. Fairfax County Police officers issued 6,196 seat belt violations during 2007.

Statewide, according to preliminary numbers from the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), there were 1,026 fatalities in Virginia in 2007. Of those, 60% were not wearing safety restraints.

When worn correctly, seat belts have proven to reduce the risk of fatal injury to front-seat passenger car occupants by 45%, and 60% in pickup trucks, SUVs and mini-vans. Yet, nearly one in four Virginians fail to regularly wear their seat belts when driving or riding in a vehicle.



The Fairfax County Police Department reminds motorists of several restraint laws that became effective July 2007:

Virginia’s Child Restraint Device Law: Child restraint devices are required for children through the age of seven (until 8th birthday). Child restraint devices must be properly used and meet standards adopted by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Rear-facing child restraint devices must be placed in the back seat of a vehicle. In the event the vehicle does not have a back seat, the child restraint device must be placed in the front passenger seat only if the vehicle is either not equipped with a passenger side airbag or the passenger side airbag has been deactivated.

Children can no longer ride unrestrained in the rear cargo area of vehicles.

The law applies to anyone (i.e. parents, grandparents, babysitters, friends) who provides transportation to a child in any vehicle manufactured after January 1, 1968.

Virginia’s Passenger Safety Belt Law:

Children age 8 through age 15 (until age 16) must be belted correctly in vehicle safety belts in vehicles manufactured after January 1, 1968. Exemptions are taxicabs, school buses, executive sedans and limousines.

This safety belt law is primary enforcement – no other violation need be committed prior to ticketing for failure to have a child correctly buckled up.



Sobriety Checkpoint Results In Reston Police District

Fairfax County police officers from around the county conducted a sobriety checkpoint to deter and apprehend intoxicated drivers on Friday, May 30, from 11 p.m. until 2 a.m. Saturday. All motorists were stopped, and drivers were checked to assure that their abilities to drive had not been impaired by alcohol or drugs.

Approximately 563 motorists were stopped at Wiehle Avenue near the intersection of the Fairfax County Parkway. There were two arrests made for DWI. Five traffic summonses were issued for driving on a suspended operator’s license. Three additional summonses were issued for driving without an operator’s license.



Eight officers and four auxiliary police officers participated in the checkpoint.

KEEPING KIDS SAFE

In or around vehicles

Fairfax County Department of Family Services

Many caring and responsible parents have left their children alone in a car, not realizing the risks involved.

Parents should not leave a child alone in a car while they drop off clothing at the dry cleaner or escort another child to school.

Results of leaving a child alone in a vehicle can be deadly.

The temperature inside a car can reach deadly levels in minutes.

Children can accidentally set the vehicle in motion.

Drivers have difficulty seeing small children when they back up.

The child might leave the vehicle to go look for you.

Your child can be abducted.

NEVER leave children alone in or around vehicles.

NOT EVEN FOR A MINUTE.

SAFETY TIPS

Children should never be left alone in a vehicle, not even while running a quick errand.

Keep vehicles locked at all times, even when in the driveway or garage.

Keys should never be left within reach of children.

Teach your children to never play in or around a vehicle.

Consider installing cross-view mirrors and/or a backup detection device on your vehicle.

Always make sure all child passengers have left the car after it is parked.

If a child is locked inside a car, get them out as quickly as possible.

If they are very hot or seem sick, call 911 immediately.

When a child is missing, check vehicles and car trunks immediately.

For more information:

Child Protective Services Hotline

703-324-7400 (press option 2)

TTY 703-222-9452

Kat's Corner

By PFC Katinsky

We've all been there, driving on your way home in rush hour traffic, hungry, tired and stuck behind the "self appointed left lane police." Whether you're on Route 66, 29, 28, the Dulles Greenway, the Beltway or any other multiple lane roadway, I'm sure you're familiar with what I'm talking about; today it gets a name....the "self appointed left lane police." It's the person who drives under the speed limit or just at the speed limit in the "hammer" (fast) lane, talking on the cell phone, daydreaming or just deciding



that they are going fast enough and that you don't need to be going any faster. They look in the rear-view mirror, see you, and take it upon themselves to dictate the speed in the left lane. They won't move over, not when people honk, flash their lights at them, or even tailgate. Once again, we've found another reason for maintaining our fifth place ranking for the highest incidences of road rage in the country.

Last month we discussed failing to pay full time and attention. This month, we're defining what the left lane is for, which is detailed in the following traffic code: Virginia State Code 46.2-802 Driving on the right side of highways. Except as otherwise provided by law, on all highways of sufficient width, the driver of a vehicle shall drive on the right half of the highway, unless it is impracticable to travel on such side of the highway, and except when overtaking and passing another vehicle.

The code states that unless you are passing or turning, you shall drive in the right lane for travel purposes. If someone behind you wants to pass, let them!! Move over. It is not your responsibility to monitor or attempt to control what other people are doing and it is your responsibility to move over if

others are trying to pass you. This leads us to a second code section that goes hand-in-hand with the aforementioned. The second noteworthy code section is Virginia State Code 46.2-842.1. Drivers to give way to certain overtaking vehicles on divided highways. It shall be unlawful to fail to give way to overtaking traffic when driving a motor vehicle to the left and abreast of another motor vehicle on a divided highway. On audible or light signal, the driver of the overtaken vehicle shall move to the right to allow the overtaking vehicle to pass as soon as the overtaken vehicle can safely do so. A violation of this section shall not be construed as negligence per se in any civil action.

This code explains that if the driver of the car behind you flashes his high beams at you or gently blows his horn, it is your responsibility to move over. It's the law. It should

not be construed as an aggressive action or hateful in nature; it is an attempt to get you to kindly move over so others may pass you. It should not initiate an obscene gesture battle or a round of cutting each



other off. Most people react by slamming on their brakes to "get even" with the person behind them. However, the act of slamming on your brakes because the person behind you gave you an audible or light signal to move over constitutes reckless driving. Be informed, know the laws, and keep your cool. While your first instinct may be to get angry, the appropriate response is to distance yourself from the other driver and try to avoid additional confrontations. Safe driving begins with you!

Police Department Wins National Award

The Fairfax County Police Department is proud to be recognized by the IACP (International Association of Chiefs of Police) Highway Safety Committee which announced the 2007-2008 National Law Enforcement Challenge Award winners at their mid-year meeting. The FCPD was awarded first place in the overall category, for municipal agencies of 1251 or more (sworn officers). The department was also awarded the Occupant Protection Award in the Special Category Awards. Occupant protection includes enforcement and education regarding the proper use of both seat belts and child safety seats.

Many multi-faceted efforts in enforcement and education were put into action. It begins with daily patrol activities as officers routinely enforce the law, but it is enhanced through specialized enforcement employed regularly to target specific issues and problem areas. Some of those programs include:

- Click it or Ticket (seat belt enforcement)
- Smooth Operator (targeting aggressive drivers)
- “Street Smart” (pedestrian safety)
- “Stop on Red Week” (red light enforcement)
- Safety by the Bus Load
- Operation Big Rig
- SOS - Start of School (School Zone speed enforcement)
- Saturation patrols focused in several parts of the county
- DWI Check Points
- Youth Alcohol Enforcement
- Business Compliance Checks / Shoulder Taps

We remain focused on our three main traffic safety goals:

- To reduce fatal, injury and property damage crashes,
- To change unsafe and illegal driver behavior, and,
- To change all drivers expectations concerning traffic enforcement in Fairfax County.

Overall crashes have gone down in a county encompassing nearly 400 square miles; a population of over one million; over 740,000 are licensed drivers with over 800,000 registered vehicles.

YEAR	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
PROPERTY DAMAGE	13,416	13,810	13,548	13,392	13,088	12,520
INJURY	5,430	5,198	5,111	4,913	4,906	4,598
FATAL	57	55	61	60	59	47

According to the IACP, “The Law Enforcement Challenge is a competition between similar sizes and types of law enforcement agencies. It recognizes and rewards the best overall traffic safety programs in the United States. The areas of concentration include efforts to enforce laws and educate the public about occupant protection, impaired driving, and speeding. Departments submit an application (usually in a three ring or presentation binder) which documents their agency's efforts and effectiveness in these areas. The winning safety programs are those that combine officer training, public information and enforcement to reduce crashes and injuries within its jurisdiction.”

These awards are based on submissions made by the various police agencies. This year there were 560 total applications that were categorized and judged May 12-17, 2008 at IACP Headquarters in Alexandria by a panel of traffic safety professionals.

CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Would you like to become more involved in the Reston District? You can, by attending the Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) meetings. The CAC was established in 1979 to enhance the Police Department's ability to communicate with and better serve the community.



The CAC meeting can involve presentations about any aspect of the Police Department and may cover the helicopter division, identity theft, the K-9 division, or child safety. In addition, you will find out what is going on in your community and will have the opportunity to talk to the Commander of the Reston District Station and express your concerns directly.

The formal meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. and runs about 1½ hours. (The Neighborhood Watch meeting precedes it at 7 p.m.). The meetings are normally held the third Thursday of each month in the community room of the Reston District Station at 12000 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. There are no dues or membership requirements, and dress is casual. Late arrival/early departure is OK. This is time well spent, and we hope to see you there. For more information, contact the Crime Prevention Office at (703) 478-0799. Everyone is welcome to join us!

Crime Solvers Launches New Website!

Fairfax County Crime Solvers has launched its own website. It was designed to aid the program and the Police Department. There are pages to advertise wanted fugitives, cold cases, suspects caught in the act, and more at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org.

Community Crime Statistic Information Line

Residents interested in receiving a report based on the frequency of calls dispatched to a specific area of interest over the previous 12-month period are now able to do so. Call (703) 246-7932 and you will be directed to leave your name and phone number, fax, email or mailing address. Requests take approximately 5-7 days.

Fairfax Police Department Programs

Fairfax County Police Department SAFE (Sexual Assault Free and Empowered)

Women's Self Defense Program: SAFE teaches realistic self-defense tactics and techniques. The program begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction, and avoidance. It then progresses to the basics of hands-on defense training. To learn more or to register for the course, call (703) 246-7806.

Reston Police Station Services

For more information regarding the following services, please contact the Crime Prevention Office at (703) 478-0799 or e-mail the Crime Prevention Officers Katy Fernbacher at katy.fernbacher@fairfaxcounty.gov or Chip Cogan at Harry.Cogan@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Reston Police Newsletter: Please visit the link below to access the Fairfax County Police newsletter service center to sign up to receive The Reston Reliance: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/newsletter>.

Home/Business Security Assessments: If you are concerned about the safety and security of your home or business, call us to schedule a free security assessment. We will make recommendations and offer suggestions to better safeguard your home or business.

Neighborhood Watch Training: If your community is interested in receiving Neighborhood Watch training, please call us and we will schedule a time to come to your community to give the training.

Child Safety Seat Inspections: Inspections are scheduled through voicemail by calling (703) 478-0904 x5208. If you are interested in this service please allow enough time before your due date to have your child safety seat inspected. Scheduled BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.

Reston Business Crime Watch: This e-mail alert system is designed to give businesses up-to-date and specific crime information pertaining to the type or location of the business.



Community Resources

Cut out and hang near your phone for easy reference

POLICE—Non-Emergency.....	703-691-2131
EMERGENCY	911
Reston District Police Station.....	703-478-0904
Alcohol and Drug Services (Youth Services).....	703-961-1080
Center for Multicultural Human Services.....	703-533-3302
CrisisLink Crisis Hotline (Suicide, trauma, life crises).....	703-527-4077
Community Services Board (Prevention services).....	703-324-7000
Emergency Mental Health Services (24 hour).....	703-573-5679
Department of Family Services.....	703-324-7938
Fairfax County Dept. of Community and Recreation Services—Teen Services...	703-324-8336
Fairfax County Gang Coordinator.....	703-246-2396
Fairfax County Health Dept.....	703-246-2411
Fairfax Co. Health Dept.—Tattoo Removal Program.....	703-246-7182
Fairfax County Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court.....	703-246-2495
Fairfax County Police Gang Prevention Coordinator.....	703-246-7844
Fairfax County Public Schools—After school programs.....	703-246-6740
Northern Virginia Gang Task Force—Tip Line.....	1-866-664-2647
Youth Employment (NVWIB job hunt).....	703-368-0775



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